

Date: 5th April 2018

Official Request to host the 2018 AIDA Team World Championships

Official Information:

Freediving Club Greece with the support of the Municipality of Kalamata would like to officially request to host the 2018 AIDA Team World Championships in the city of Kalamata, Greece.

Organizer: Freediving Club Greece (Contact person: Stavros Kastrinakis) Disciplines: CWT, STA, DYN
Location: Kalamata, Greece

Dates: Sunday 7th October 2018 to Sunday 14th October 2018

Sanctioning: AIDA (International Association for Development of Apnea)

Maximum number of Athletes we can accommodate: 80

Minimum number of Athletes we are planning/budgeting for: 50

Preliminary Schedule:

- Sat 6th Oct– 1st Registration day
- Sun 7th Oct– 2nd Registration day - Official Training Day CWT
- Evening Opening Ceremony by the Municipality of Kalamata
- Mon 8th Oct– 3rd Registration day & Announcements for CWT day 1
Official Training Day CWT - Unofficial STA training day
- Tue 9th Oct- Official Competition Day 1 CWT
- Wed 10th Oct- Official Competition Day 2 CWT
Unofficial Training Day STA / Unofficial DYN training day
- Thu 11th Oct- Official Training Day STA / Unofficial DYN training day
- Fri 12th Oct- Official Competition Day STA
- Sat 13th Oct- Official Training Day DYN
- Sun 14th Oct- Official Competition Day DYN
Closing Ceremony and Awards Organized by the Municipality of Kalamata - Departure of Athletes



Depth Competition Setup

The event will be based off a 1 main dive boat with a motorized counterballast system and sonar permanently moored at 160m of water 1,5 miles (6 minutes by boat) from the beachfront of the venue hotel. A motorized counterballast system will be used for the main dive line capable of lifting divers at speeds of 2m/s or faster in case of emergency. A high resolution sonar will be operating on the dive boat, giving detailed real time information on the diver's progress. Traditional counter-ballast system will be available as back up as well as safety scuba on the surface.



A fully equipped hospital with an ER is located in the city of Kalamata 15 minutes from our dive location, via our rapid evacuation boat. Medical Staff and a Rescue Team will be available on location to assist in cases of serious incidents. Evacuation will be to Kalamata Beachfront approximately 6 minutes from the dive location were a fully equipped ambulance will be on standby, to take any athlete requiring treatment, to the Kalamata Hospital (10 minute drive from the beachfront).

O₂ will be available for cases requiring it and decompression O₂ will be available on the dive location for athletes who wish to use it. Dry area boats will be available for athletes wishing to warm up dry. 5 Warm up lines will be available.

The Freediving Club safety team comprises of experienced and specifically trained competition safety divers with an extensive background of safety diving in AIDA depth competitions.

The above setup and crew have been used in the 2011, 2013 & 2016 AIDA World Championships and the very successful Mediterranean World Cup competitions. All factors (team, location, safety procedures, equipment and co-ordination) have been tested and are known to work properly with large numbers of athletes (140+ divers per day). It should be noted that using the above setup throughout the 2011 & 2013 AIDA Depth World Championships no delays or incidents occurred that affected the normal progress of the competition.

Pool Competition Setup

The official competition pool for DYN and STA will be the Kalamata Municipal Swim Stadium with a Standard Olympic Swimming pool of 10 lanes of 50m with a depth of 1,8m to 2,1m. The pool includes changing room facilities, other amenities and medical facilities necessary for running the DYN and STA competitions of the 2018 AIDA Team World Championships. Water temperature at the time of the event is expected to be at 25-27°C. The pool is located an 8min drive from the Elite Resort hotel.

All transfers to and from the pool will be carried out using specially chartered busses.

Weather Conditions:

Based on past experience we expect that during the proposed dates for the 2018 AIDA Team World Championships, sea conditions are going to be favorable (October is traditionally a month of calm seas in the area). Water temperature is expected to be between 24°C and 25°C and visibility will be around 30m. As experienced during the 2011, 2013 & 2016 AIDA World Championships no current affects the dive site we will be using.



Early Training:

Organized early training will be available with the same depth training setup as the 2018 AIDA Team World Championships starting 1st May 2018.
Contact: info@freediving-club.gr



Accommodation:

The proposed venue for the 2018 Individual AIDA Depth World Championships is the **Elite Resort Hotel**. This is a **4-star resort hotel** capable of housing 80+ athletes / coaches / officials in total during the World Championships. The hotel has a pool which will be available for use by the athletes, a private beach, beach and pool-side restaurants, free WiFi and all amenities needed to host the event. All meetings will be run in the conference center of the hotel.



Accommodation costs:

The plan for the 2018 AIDA World championships is to house all athletes in one single hotel. Due to this we are unable to offer single rooms as standard. If you absolutely require a single room contact us for information.

The following accommodation charges have been negotiated:

- Athletes staying in Double or Triple rooms on a Bed and Breakfast basis (buffet breakfast)
Rate: **38 euro per person per night**

For athletes wishing full board meal arrangement (3 meals per day) an extra charge of 18 euro per day will apply

Many lower cost accommodation options exist within walking distance to the venue hotel, these include a camping site next to the hotel, rooms for rent as well as private houses that can accommodate entire teams. We will be glad to help out any team that is looking for alternative accommodation options.

In order to avoid accommodation problems with last minute changes reservations/arrivals etc all hotel bookings will be made by the national teams directly with a dedicated event accommodation manager who will be part of the organizing team of the 2018 AIDA World Championships.

The deadline for hotel bookings will be May 31st 2018 - after that date hotel discounts listed above are not guaranteed.

Coach & Alternates Special Event

A special Depth/Static/Dynamic competition with individual ranking and great prizes will be organized during the off time of the 2018 AIDA Team World Championships to give the Coaches and Alternate athletes of the teams a chance to compete during their stay in Kalamata. For more information contact: info@freediving-club.gr

Athlete's Fees:

The 2018 AIDA Team World Championships entry fee will be €380 euro

This fee includes participation in training and competition events between October 7th and October 14th, Event T-shirt, Doping Tests, Opening and Closing ceremonies, transfers to and from the hotel to the pool on days of scheduled training or competition.

Deadline for registrations will be the 31st May 2018 – registrations after this date will be accepted on adjusted entry fees.

O2 for Decompression

Decompression O2 is available for those athletes that request it at a cost of **€20** for the 2018 Team World Championship week.

Special Note:

Accommodation and Entry Fees listed above are calculated on a minimum of 50 athletes attending the event. If the final number of entries is below 50 athletes the organizer will work together with AIDA International to make all necessary adjustment so that the 2018 AIDA Team World Championships can be run.

Event Promotion & Media:

A dedicated marketing and media team headed by Mrs Evelyn Kamsidi head of the Municipality's Public Relations Office will be responsible for the event promotion and media. Kalamata is easily accessible from most European countries, has in place all necessary media infrastructure and the municipality have an active interest to promote this event on a national, regional and international scale. We expect with the experience gained from the 2011, 2013 & 2016 AIDA Individual World Championships to be able to offer a significant media presence for the event.

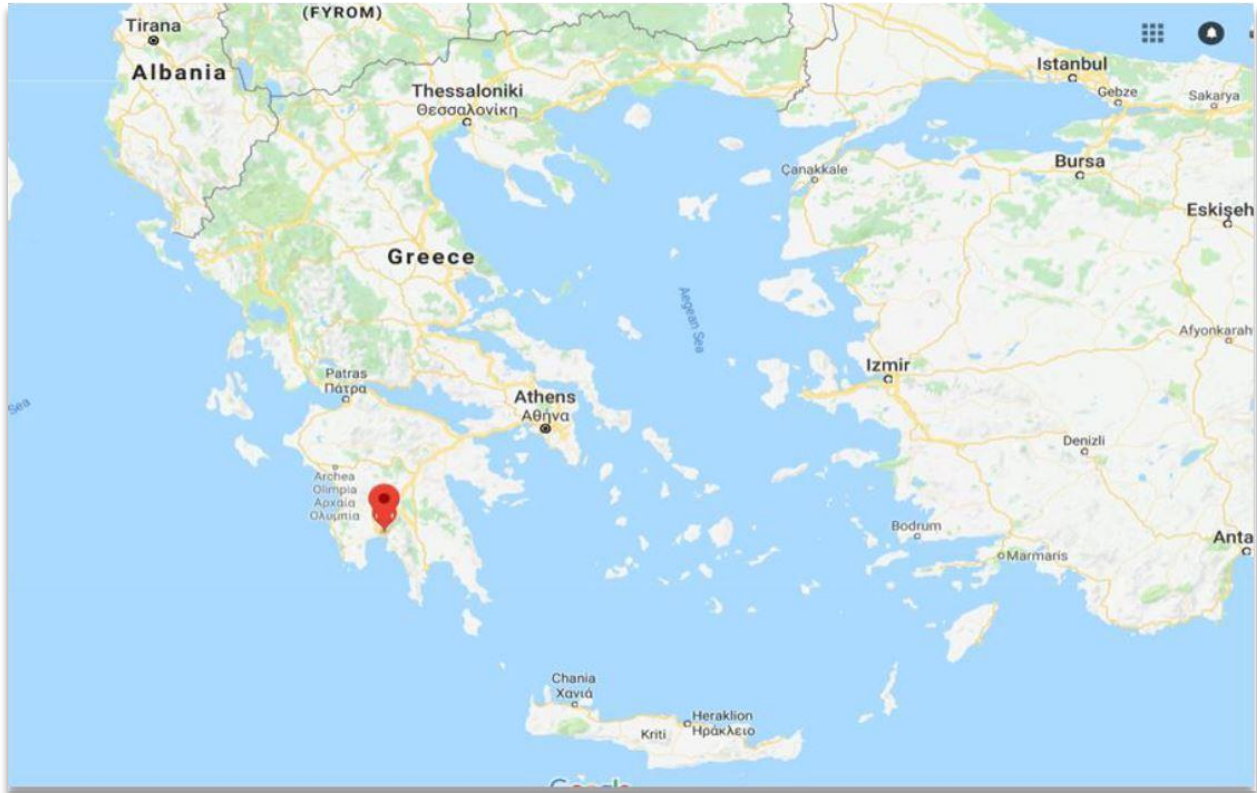
AIDA International has expressed an interest at having the Diveye live broadcast system on location during the 2018 World Championships.

Media interested in attending or presenting the 2018 AIDA Team World Championships should contact us at: info@freediving-club.gr

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Travel:

The city of Kalamata can be reached by flights (regular and charter) from many European cities. Nearest airport is Kalamata Int Airport (KLX). Shuttle flights are also available from Athens Int Airport as are regular buses connecting Athens to Kalamata (Timetables will be made available prior to the event).



Budget:

Income

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| Athlete's fees: (expected 50 athletes) | € 19,000.00 |
| General Sponsors | € 5,500.00 |
| Chamber of Commerce of Kalamata | € 3,500.00 |
| Municipality of Kalamata | € 3,500.00 |
| Total | € 31,500.00 |

Expences

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| 1. Transfer Boat costs (equipment and preparation of 4 Freediving Club transfer Boats) | €2,800.00 |
| 2. Boat Fuel (cost of fuel for 4 boats for 5 days) | € 1,000.00 |
| 3. Transfer Buses (for hotel to pool transfers) | € 2,000.00 |
| 3. Safety Team | € 2,000.00 |
| 4. Event Website (Hosting, Design and Maintenance – Website scheduled to be up on 1st Dec 2015) | € 2,000.00 |
| 5. Filming Crew (Freediving Club maintains a full range of UW and surface video cameras for official use during the competition. A dedicated team of UW videographers will be hired to film and edit footage during the World Championships. We plan to be uploading edited video footage every second day for general public viewing and to have new footage available on a daily basis for media) | € 2,000.00 |
| 6. IT Crew (Responsible for scheduling, results and keeping a steady information stream open to the general public) | € 1,000.00 |
| 7. Media & PR costs (Cost for Banners, Medals, Video Trailers, Cost for having media support on location, T-shirts etc) | € 6,000.00 |
| 8. Organizational Expenses | €2,000.00 |
| 9. Opening and Closing Ceremonies (The cost of organizing the Opening and Closing Ceremonies open to the general public will be covered by the Municipality of Kalamata– Closing ceremony will include a celebration party) | € 0.00 |
| 10. Doping Tests (18 doping tests) | € 5,400.00 |
| 11. Cost of 6 AIDA Judges Flights | € 3,000.00 |
| Accommodation costs for judges staying in single rooms (as requested by AIDA International) | € 4,300.00 |
| Total | € 31,500.00 |